

AWARD-WINNING PARTNERSHIP

“Our partnership with SSC has provided our students and staff with a clean and well-maintained learning and working environment for well over 20 years. The knowledge, professionalism and thoroughness of the custodial staff and leadership has been superb.”

Wendell Shelton, Contract Administrator



LOCATION:

Columbia, SC



GRADES:

Pre-K through 12
+ adult education center



CONTRACT START:

1995



SERVICE PROVIDED:

Custodial



ENROLLMENT:

28,565 students



SITE ENVIRONMENT:

41 schools and centers

SELF-OP DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH SSC AND RESULTS IN CUSTODIAL SERVICE FOR TWO GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS

THE ISSUE:

Richland School District Two, located in Columbia, South Carolina, opened their doors in the 1920s with just one school. In the mid-90s, administrators realized they needed some help as they were growing at a steady pace. In 1995, Richland Two began to expand its charter to accommodate for growth in the region. Due to this rapid expansion, the district struggled to hire, train and supervise its existing custodial staff. In order to maintain quality and keep education as their priority, Richland Two partner with SSC for its janitorial needs — but they were initially reluctant to adopt the model districtwide.

THE SOLUTION:

SSC worked with Richland to start our partnership slow and ensure their needs were met along the way. Beginning with two of the newer schools, SSC successfully took on the responsibility of cleaning, allowing the district to refocus that energy back on the students as they tackled their ongoing expansion. As district employees retired or went to work elsewhere, positions were replaced with SSC employees — and over time, more schools were added to SSC's scope of responsibilities. This flexible and open solution allowed the district to grow and our partnership to expand as the district developed.

ONGOING SUCCESS:

Today, Richland School District Two is one of the largest and fastest growing public school districts in South Carolina Midlands.

- More than 27,000 students in 41 schools and centers.
 - » 20 elementary schools
 - » 7 middle schools
 - » 5 high schools
 - » 4 magnet centers
 - » 1 child development center
 - » 1 institute of innovation
 - » 1 adult education center
 - » 1 alternative school
 - » 1 charter school
- Richland Two opened their 20th elementary school in August 2017

Through open lines of communication, flexibility and commitment to value, both SSC and Richland School District Two have worked together to provide the highest level of quality and to maintain healthy environments for students and staff. Our partnership has been acknowledged numerous times in the form of National Blue Ribbon awards at several Richland Two schools. These coveted awards celebrate and recognize schools for overall academic excellence and creating safe and welcoming learning environments.